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**CARCASS STRUCTURE FOR  
TYRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS,  
AND A TYRE COMPRISING SAID  
CARCASS STRUCTURE**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a non-English language:

1. WIPO WO 98/54006

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In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PTO international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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